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TO:

Daron Haddock, Permit Supervisor

FROM:

Paul Baker, Reclamation Biologist

RE:

Incidental Boundary Change, Genwal Coal Company, Crandall Canyon Mine,

ACT/015/032, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSAL

Genwal has proposed to add an area of about 152.18 acres to their permit area. This would be an increase in the size of the current permit area of about 7% and should constitute an incidental boundary change.

ANALYSIS

R645-301-100

General Contents

Analysis:

The revised page 1-12 says that the joint owners base their legal right to enter and continue underground mining activities in the permit area on, among other documents, assignment of Federal Coal Lease UTU-68082. It says that this lease will be assigned in March 1994. The Division cannot approve the incidental boundary change (IBC) without right-of-entry information for this area.

The submittal includes a legal description of the IBC, but this description is not formatted to be inserted into the mining and reclamation plan. It is simply an unnumbered page. The description of the IBC needs to be included in Chapter 1 in the right-of-entry section.

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Biology

Analysis:

A letter accompanying the submittal says that there will be no effects on biological resources. This statement is probably correct. Page 5-10 of this submittal says that no retreat mining will take place within the IBC until the new Lease UTU-68082 amendment has been approved.



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The wildlife map included with the IBC submittal contains an inaccuracy which is noted in my review of the new lease area revision. The inaccuracy does not relate to the IBC.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Division needs to receive right-of-entry information for the new lease before the IBC can be approved. The plan needs to contain a description of the IBC area; the description contained in this submittal needs to be formatted for the mining and reclamation plan.